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Reason for Writing: One might ask why this comparison is necessary. My answer is blunt: standing here in 2026, I do not want dozens of futile research papers and books to be written in 2040 debating the "true causes of the destruction of the Soviet Union and Pakistan." Soviet intellectuals had been warning through their writings from 1965 to 1980 years before the final collapse in 1985 that the USSR was hurtling toward a disastrous end. However, they failed to convince the occupying, oppressive, and war-mongering leadership of that time that they were running toward ruin. When a state holds all the resources, power, and authority, it considers itself all-knowing; it ignores such warnings and instead spends its energy branding these individuals as enemies of the state.

A study of the economic histories of the Soviet Union and Pakistan reveals a startling similarity in the causes of their decline. Though one was a superpower and the other is a developing nuclear-armed nation, both fell into the same "Structural Traps" that crippled their economies.

History teaches a bitter lesson: states do not shatter solely from external invasions, but from internal economic hollowness and administrative incompetence, a state of affairs in which Pakistan is currently at its peak. The example of the Soviet Union is the 20th century’s greatest cautionary tale,

where a nuclear superpower collapsed under the weight of its own economy. At the economic crossroads where Pakistan stands today, comparing these causes has become unavoidable.

1. Economy vs. Defense Burden

The Soviet Union spent a massive portion of its GDP on the arms race with the US and space exploration. The result? The country had hundreds of nuclear missiles, millions of tanks, and thousands of generals in medal-laden uniforms; they were even roaming space, but flour and basic necessities became unavailable for the common man.

The situation in Pakistan is not much different. The Federation of Pakistan committed a strange act of "pampering" the provinces that triggered an economic earthquake. This pampering is known as the **7th NFC Award**, which granted so much money to the provinces that the Federation itself became insolvent. After catering to provincial whims, the lion's share of the federal budget goes toward debt interest payments and defense, leaving next to nothing for federal operations. This forces the state to beg for loans from the modern-day witch, the IMF whose conditions are harsher than those of a demanding lover before marriage.

2. Elite Capture (Nomenklatura vs. Elite Capture)

In the Soviet Union, the "Communist Party" elite, known as the *Nomenklatura*, lived luxuriously on the resources of the common people. In Pakistan, a specific class—comprising political dynasties, the establishment (people are often too

afraid to say "the Army," so they hypocritically use the term "establishment"), the religious mafia, and large landholders monopolizes national resources and tax exemptions. When a privileged class loot the country while the common man is crushed by inflation, the bond between the state and the people breaks. This is the most dangerous stage for any country's survival.

3. Financial Tension Between Federal Units

While the Soviet model was hyper-centralized, leading to its destruction, Pakistan faces a different extreme. Through the NFC Award, the Federation has given so much money to the provinces that they have become hubs of plunder while the Federation has turned into a beggar. The Federation gives over 57% of its income to the provinces, where governments often consume the funds rather than spending them on the public.

There is a grievance in Pakistan similar to that of the Baltic or Central Asian states against Moscow. The Federation claims it is going bankrupt because too much money goes to provinces; the provinces claim the center denies them their rights. In reality, the two largest provinces are arguably the biggest culprits. Specifically, Sindh "swallows" thousands of billions from the NFC Award while the public gets nothing. To put it in perspective: since 2010, Sindh has received over **$224 billion** (roughly $14 billion annually). Asking where this money goes is treated as a "sin." Any inquiry is met with diversions about the 5,000-year-old Indus civilization or Sindhi culture. This tug-of-war is paralyzing the country

administratively, just as it did between Moscow and the Soviet states in the final years.

4. The Debt Trap and Dependence on Global Institutions

In its final decade, the USSR took heavy loans from Western banks to keep its crumbling system afloat. When oil prices crashed and debt repayment became impossible, the structure collapsed.

Pakistan is currently in the same "Debt Trap," taking new loans just to pay off the interest on old ones. Our economic policies are now beholden to the IMF rather than Islamabad. Pakistan pays **$7 billion annually** just in interest.

The Soviet Debt Context:

In 1985, Soviet external debt was $25–28 billion. By 1991, it surged to $70 billion. While $70 billion wasn't massive compared to the size of their economy, the Soviet Union was a "closed economy" with no way to earn dollars. They couldn't carry the burden and collapsed on the verge of default. It took Russia until 2017 to finally pay off the last installment of that Soviet-era debt.

The Path to Survival

The destruction of the Soviet Union proves that economic security *is* national security. If an economy fails, an army, hundreds of generals, nuclear weapons, and the constitution cannot save it.

Time is running out for Pakistan. If the flaws of the NFC Award aren't fixed, if the agricultural system isn't overhauled,

if corruption in the tax system isn't ended, and if the elite do not sacrifice their privileges, history will place us alongside the Soviet Union.Survival requires "ruthless economic surgery" beyond constitutional conveniences.

The First Step:

What should be done first? Amend the Constitution to reduce the shares of the two largest provinces (Punjab and Sindh) in the NFC Award by at least **30%**. This amount should be dedicated solely to repaying external debt.

- Punjab and Sindh currently receive $42 billion annually.
- A 30% cut would provide the Federation with roughly $12 billion.
- This would easily cover the $7 billion interest payment, ending the need for new IMF loans and begging from China or the Arabs.
- It would free the public from IMF-mandated hikes in petrol, electricity, and gas prices.

Who will do this? Those who beat their chests saying "We are the State" must act.To save Pakistan, the state must prioritize itself as well as the people over political or provincial interests.

Amend Article 160(3A) immediately to save Pakistan.

The state must finally do something for the people.

Then don't say later, we don't even know.

Iran - Israel bloodshed conspiracy:

The Jewish Messiah and the Iranian Mahdi: Both are Turmoil.

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What is the real conflict between Iran and Israel? They share no borders, neither can block the other's water supply, there is no linguistic dispute, no border skirmishes over livestock, and no maritime boundary disputes. Even the borders of the Jews' so-called "Promised Land" are far from Iran. So, what is the problem?

For Zionism, the "Greater Israel" project is vital because they believe they are God's chosen people. They cite a promise in the Torah: *"On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abraham and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates'" (Genesis 15:18)*. However, this promise was conditional on obedience, not disobedience. Yet, the Jews accepted it as an absolute promise; thus, Jewish expansionism is considered a severe religious duty. They refer to this region as the ***Promised Land.***

Last year, in 2025, Netanyahu stated that a country like Iran, which supports extremist religious ideologies, would not be allowed to achieve nuclear capability. Meanwhile, Israel itself is a proponent of extremist religious ideologies, yet no country in the world speaks about it.

Like all world religions, the Jews are waiting for a Messiah i.e Prophet (Uzair/Ezra A.S.) who will retrieve the Ark of the

Covenant from the river, recover the original Torah, establish a Jewish empire, revive Judaism, and bring justice to the world. They believe "all swords will be beaten into hammers" and world peace will be established. (One might ask these people talking about swords: in what era are you living that you are still chatting about swords?) They believe the Third Temple (Temple of Solomon) will be rebuilt, and Judaism will rule the world.Ahh what the dreams are !

On the other hand, Iranians are waiting for the arrival of Imam Mahdi in Jerusalem. They believe he will travel from Mecca to Jerusalem to welcome Jesus (A.S.), who will descend from the sky on the wings of angels. Jesus (A.S.) will offer prayers behind Imam Mahdi, and the Mahdi will fill the world with peace and prosperity. All these events are said to occur forty years before the Resurrection (Al-Qiyamah). One might ask: what is the benefit of peace and prosperity only forty years before the end of the world?

Israel's neighboring countries, who remain silent on the atrocities against Palestinians, surely know that the region the Jews are fighting for includes ***Palestine,Southern Lebanon,Jordan,Syria's Golan Heights,Western Iraq,North-western Saudi Arabia,Egypt's Sinai Desert and the present-day Israel.***

In essence, the area from the Nile to the Euphrates is in Israel's sights, and these are the very countries where resistance against Israel is "zero."

In the Holy Quran, Surah At-Tawbah states: *"The Jews say, 'Ezra is the son of Allah'; and the Christians say, 'The Messiah is the son of Allah'" (9:30)*. If Jews today claim this is not in their religious texts, it proves that their texts like those of the Christians

have been altered, which challenges the authenticity of their own scriptures.

The Iran-Israel Enmity:

A Battle of History, Ideology, and Leadership

This enmity is not just a political tiff; it is a symbol of deep historical and religious divergence. While Israel claims Jerusalem as a "Jewish State," Iran has made it a symbolic center for global Shia resistance to pave the way for Imam Mahdi.

The roots go back thousands of years. In the 6th century BC, the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple and enslaved the Jews. Later, Cyrus the Great of Persia conquered Babylon and allowed the Jews to return. This is why some Jewish historians see the Persian Empire as a savior. This historical context of Persia vs. the West and Jews vs. the East has today morphed into "Iran vs. Israel."

After Israel's establishment in 1948, the Shah maintained close ties with them. However, after the 1979 Revolution, Ayatollah Khomeini labeled Israel the "Little Satan" and cut ties. The liberation of Al-Quds became the "goal of the Revolution."

Iran's "Quds Policy": A Dream of Alternative Leadership?

Shia belief holds that Imam Mahdi will appear in Mecca, but politically, Iran seeks to make Jerusalem the center of resistance. Since Mecca and Medina are controlled by Sunni Arabs (with whom Iran has strained ties), Iran uses Quds as a symbolic center to make the Shia doctrine of *Wilayat-e-Faqih* the axis of Muslim leadership.

The Resistance Network:

Iran backs groups like Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Houthis. Behind this is a silent ideology: *"Mecca is occupied by Sunnis; we will provide the true leadership."*

The Arab-Israel Alliance: Is Iran the Target?

Recent ties between the UAE, Bahrain, and Israel aim to contain Iran because of its revolutionary agenda and military presence in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. Arab monarchies fear instability and view Iran's claim to "True Islam" as a challenge to their custody of Mecca and Medina.

Conclusion: Stories vs. Reality

The Jews have their stories, and the Iranians have theirs. Both want Jerusalem, the Jews for a "Zionist Renaissance" and the Iranians for the "Mahdi's Reign." However, both agree these arrivals will happen very close to the Day of Judgment (approx. 40 years before).

Here is a brief breakdown of how the text contrasts these two perspectives:

1. The Jewish Vision (Zionist Eschatology)

- **The Goal:** The establishment of a "Greater Israel" (from the Nile to the Euphrates) as a religious duty.
- **The Figure:** A Messiah who will recover the original Torah and the Ark of the Covenant.
- **The Symbol:** The rebuilding of the ***Third Temple (Temple of Solomon)*** in Jerusalem.
- **The Outcome:** A global Jewish empire where "swords are beaten into hammers" and world peace is established under Jewish rule.

2. The Iranian Vision (Shia Mahdism)

- **The Goal:** Using Jerusalem (Al-Quds) as the symbolic center for "Global Resistance" and the leadership of the Muslim Ummah.
- **The Figure: Imam Mahdi**, who arrives from Mecca to Jerusalem.
- **The Symbol:** The arrival of Jesus (A.S.) to pray behind the Mahdi, signaling the defeat of oppression.
- **The Outcome:** A world filled with justice and prosperity for forty years before the Day of Judgment.

My Ultimate Conclusion:

My stance is that both sides are "merchants of turmoil." If the Jewish Messiah and the Iranian Mahdi are meant to establish peace only 40 years before the Day of Judgment, why is human blood being spilled centuries in advance? I pose this blunt question to these "architects of chaos":

> *"Suppose the Day of Judgment is still ten thousand years away; why not wait for your respective figures to arrive? Let them appear, let them duel, and let them decide whose flag flies higher. Stop acting like children of chaos and spilling the blood of innocents."*

Intellectual and Economic Resistance in the Soviet Union:

A Historical Overview

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Introduction :

The primary objective of this article is to analyze the critical role played by Soviet intellectuals, economists, and writers in challenging a rigid state structure between 1965 and 1985. History often attributes the fall of the Soviet Union solely to political maneuvers or external pressures; however, this piece highlights the internal intellectual resistance that acted as the true catalyst for change.

By examining the visionary proposals of reformers like Evsei Liberman and the courageous critiques of later scholars, this article seeks to demonstrate how systemic stagnation is inevitable when intellectual freedom and technological adaptation are suppressed. Furthermore, this historical review serves as a foundational context for modern economic comparisons, specifically drawing parallels with contemporary developing nations to underscore that the lessons of the Soviet collapse are not merely relics of the past, but urgent warnings for the present.

1. Pioneers of Economic Reform (1965–1975)

This was the era when signs of "Stagnation" began to surface in the Soviet economy. Intellectuals of this period advocated for technical changes while working within the system.

- **Evsei Liberman (1897–1981):**
  - **Major Work:** His 1962 article, "Plan, Profit, and Bonus," became highly influential, paving the way for economic reforms.

    - **Contribution:** He proposed that the success of socialist enterprises should be measured by "profit" rather than just "production targets."
- **Victor Glushkov (1923–1982):**
    - **Major Work:** *The Synthesis of Digital Automata*.
    - **Contribution:** A visionary who conceived "OGAS," a computer network to manage the economy digitally. The rejection of his ideas contributed significantly to Soviet economic backwardness.
- **Andrei Sakharov (1921–1989):**
    - **Major Work:** "Reflections on Progress, Peaceful Coexistence, and Intellectual Freedom" (1968).
    - **Contribution:** He argued that the Soviet economy could not survive without intellectual freedom and technological exchange with the West.

2. Critics of Economic Decay and Architects of 'Perestroika' (1980s)

By the 1980s, the economic crisis had become severe, leading intellectuals to directly challenge government policies.

- **Abel Aganbegyan (Born 1932):**
    - **Major Work:** *The Challenge: Economics of Perestroika*.
    - **Contribution:** He provided accurate data to Mikhail Gorbachev, proving that a massive portion of the GDP was wasted on defense while basic needs were neglected.
- **Tatyana Zaslavskaya (1927–2013):**
    - **Major Work:** "The Novosibirsk Report" (1983).

    - **Contribution:** She linked economic failure to social structures, demonstrating that the system had lost the ability to incentivize workers.
- **Nikolai Shmelev (1936–2014):**
    - **Major Work:** "Advances and Debts."
    - **Contribution:** He courageously advocated for market elements and the abolition of the "Command Economy."

3. Comparative Analysis and Global Lessons

The collapse of the Soviet system provides a critical framework for understanding modern economic crises. As analyzed in **Saeed (2026)**, the structural failures of the Soviet Union—specifically the imbalance between defense spending and public welfare—find striking parallels in contemporary developing economies.

In the research paper ***"The Collapse of the Soviet Union and Pakistan's Economic Situation: A Comparison"*** (SSRN, April 11, 2026), it is argued that when a state prioritizes ideological or military expansion over technological innovation and intellectual freedom, it faces inevitable stagnation. This comparison highlights that the intellectual resistance seen in the Soviet Union is a universal phenomenon that occurs whenever a system fails to adapt to global economic realities.

4. Literary and Political Consciousness

Alongside economists, writers transformed the psychology of the Soviet people:

- **Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn:** Exposed the reality of the Gulags, shaking the regime's moral foundations.

- **Chingiz Aitmatov:** Focused on human rights and cultural identity as an advisor to Gorbachev.
- **Alexander Yakovlev:** Spearheaded "Glasnost" (openness), ending censorship and allowing for critical national dialogue.

Conclusion

The journey of Soviet intellectuals from 1965 to 1985 evolved from "quiet reforms" to "open rebellion." The catastrophe predicted by figures like Liberman and Sakharov became a reality by the time of Aganbegyan. As established in recent comparative studies (Saeed, 2026), these historical lessons remain vital for modern nations. These thinkers not only influenced government policy but provided the intellectual weaponry that ultimately brought down the Iron Curtain.

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The Myth of the State: Reality v/s Rhetoric

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Why I Wrote This Article ?

The impetus behind this article stems from a deep-seated concern for the widening gap between the theoretical framework of the State and the ground reality in Pakistan. As a researcher and observer, I have witnessed the systematic erosion of the very pillars that are supposed to uphold our national structure.

I felt compelled to write this for three primary reasons:

- *To Redefine the "State": There is a growing and dangerous intellectual fallacy where the "State" is being reduced to a single institution or department. I wrote this to remind the reader that a true state is a collective entity—built upon the Constitution, the will of the people, and the harmony of its four pillars. Defending a department at the cost of the Constitution is not patriotism; it is a misunderstanding of statehood.*
- *To Document the "Injury Time": Drawing parallels from historical precedents like the Soviet Union, I wanted to highlight that no amount of physical might can compensate for a broken social contract. We are living in a critical window of time—what I call "injury time"—where the choices we make regarding justice and law will determine our survival as a cohesive nation.*
- *A Call for Intellectual Honesty: In an era dominated by "polishee" narratives and manufactured consent, there is a dire need for a blunt, unvarnished critique. This article is a rejection of the "monkey-and-master" dynamic currently prevalent in our media and political discourse.*

Ultimately, this piece is an "uncomfortable warning." It was written not out of malice, but out of a sense of duty to the original promise of Pakistan: a state where the law is supreme, and the power rests with the people. I believe that while a system of disbelief might endure for a time, a system built on injustice is destined to fail. This is my attempt to call for a "surgery" before history makes its own ruthless decision.

What is the basis of a State?

Generally, a state is built on four fundamental pillars that run the country's system. The survival of a state depends on the strength of these pillars:

1. **Legislature:** Responsible for law-making through elected representatives (Parliament) based on public aspirations.
2. **Executive:** Responsible for implementing laws and day-to-day governance. This includes the PM, Cabinet, bureaucracy, and state departments (including armed forces).
3. **Judiciary:** Responsible for interpreting the law and ensuring justice. It keeps the executive and legislature within constitutional bounds.
4. **Media (The Fourth Estate):** Responsible for accountability, transparency, and monitoring the performance of the other three pillars.

Technical Elements of a State:

In Political Science, a state consists of four essential elements: Population, Territory, Government, and Sovereignty. When these pillars interfere in each other's domains, the system collapses into chaos.

The Situation in Pakistan:

The violation of the Constitution began shortly after its inception and continues today. Speaking about the judiciary is considered a "great sin" due to the fear of contempt of court. The Legislature (Parliament) remained

a "circus of the uneducated" for a long time, and now their descendants who are often incompetent and corrupt have taken over. The Establishment (Military) claims that the public elects such people, which is only partially true because the Establishment itself often manipulates political alliances (like IJI, PTI, or PDM) and uses "Form 47" power while acting innocent.

As for the media, it acts worse than a monkey dancing to a master's tune.

The "Bootlicking" Factor:

A new factor has emerged in the state pillars: the "Polishee" (Bootlicker) factor. This group is always ready to flatter, mainly focusing on one institution. While the military is just one department, this "Polishee mafia" equates this single department with the entire "State."

The problem is that these people do not even know what a state is. By defending one department as the state, they act like an ignorant bride protecting her "state." They fail to realize that the State actually consists of the Constitution, the Judiciary, a representative Parliament, free media, and the People, not just one department.

Every such flatterer is an enemy of the state because they contribute to its destruction by opposing the Constitution, Parliament, and public sovereignty.

Conclusion: Mirage vs. Reality

Pakistan is at a crossroads where the definition of the "State" has been distorted.

1. **State vs. Institution:** The tragedy is that the state (People, Constitution, Geography) has been made subordinate to one department. When the watchman starts acting like the owner, the house collapses.
2. **The Polish Narrative:** Those defending institutional interests under the guise of "national interest" are actually hollowing out the state.
3. **Lessons from History:** The Soviet Union proves that nuclear weapons and powerful agencies cannot save a state if the "social contract" with the people is broken and the economy is ruined.

4. **The 10-15 Year Window:** We are in "injury time." If we don't return to constitutional supremacy and justice within the next decade, economic bankruptcy and social unrest will demolish the structure.

The Solution:

The path to salvation is not through new branding of old corrupt politicians, but a return to the original promise of the Constitution: a state where everyone is equal before the law and power belongs to the people.

Final Word:

This is a warning. States run on justice, not on the arrogance of power. "A system of disbelief can survive, but a system of injustice cannot."

The Looming Shadow of History: A Final Warning

The collapse of the Soviet Union stands as a stark, historical refutation of the idea that a state can be held together by sheer force alone. Despite possessing a massive nuclear arsenal, a world-class military, and an all-pervasive intelligence apparatus, the Soviet structure disintegrated because it ignored the most fundamental law of statehood: **the social contract.** When the economy became the playground of a centralized elite and the common citizen felt no stake in the system, the geographical borders no matter how heavily guarded became nothing more than sandcastles against the tide of history.

Pakistan today finds itself at a remarkably similar crossroads. We are currently operating in "injury time," clinging to a distorted definition of the state that prioritizes the preservation of institutions over the preservation of the people. When the "watchmen" mistake themselves for the owners, and when the Constitution is treated as a disposable piece of paper rather than a sacred covenant, the foundations of the house begin to rot.

The lesson we must learn before time runs out is that national security does not come from silencing dissent or managing political outcomes through "Form 47" theatrics. True security is a byproduct of **justice** and **public trust**. If we continue to allow a "polishing" culture to mask systemic

decay, we invite the same fate as those empires that thought they were too powerful to fail.

The path to salvation is narrow but clear. It requires an immediate and painful "surgery" , a total return to constitutional supremacy where every department operates within its defined limits, and where the people are recognized as the true fountainhead of power. History is a cold and objective judge; it does not care for slogans or "Sajdah-e-Sahw." It only recognizes that while a system of disbelief may endure for a season, a system built on injustice is destined for the dustbin of history.

The choice is ours: **Restoration or Dissolution.**